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Serial No. 09/877,223 : METROLOGY  
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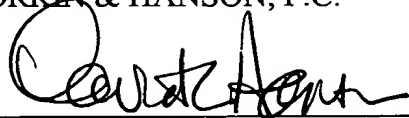
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Sir:

Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-180851, filed in the Japanese Patent Office on June 16, 2000 which corresponds to the above-identified United States patent application. A certified copy of the priority document will follow. The priority benefits provided by Section 119 of the Patent Act of 1952 are claimed for the above application.

Respectfully submitted,

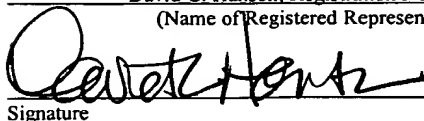
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